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NOTE: The Bureau of Labor Statistics currently is completing a major revision of the Consumer Price Index. Beginning with release of the CPI for January 1987 on February 27, the Bureau will introduce revised versions of the current CPI's both for All Urban Consumers and for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. The revised CPI's will reflect more current population and spending patterns and numerous technical enhancements. See page 4 for further details.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--January 1986

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in January to a level of 328.4 (1967=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in January, the CPI-U increased 3.9 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.3 percent in January, prior to seasonal adjustment. The January 1986 CPI-W level of 324.3 (1967=100) was 3.7 percent higher than the index in January 1985.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)--Seasonally Adjusted Changes

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in January. This compares with increases of 0.6 and 0.4 percent in November and December, respectively, and is the same as the average monthly rate of advance since the fall of 1981. In January, smaller increases in the energy and food components, which had advanced substantially in the last 2 months of 1985, were largely responsible for the rise in the overall CPI being more

Table A. Percent Changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted								Unadjusted
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Jan. '86	12-mos. ended Jan. '86
	1985						1986		
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.		
All items	.2	.2	.2	.4	.6	.4	.3	5.1	3.9
Food and beverages	.1	.1	.3	.3	.6	.6	.3	6.3	2.9
Housing	.3	.4	.1	.3	.5	.3	.3	4.4	4.3
Apparel and upkeep	-.1	.1	.4	.4	.3	0	-.3	0	2.6
Transportation	0	-.2	-.2	.4	.7	.4	.5	6.4	2.9
Medical care	.4	.6	.6	.5	.5	.7	.4	6.6	6.9
Entertainment	.4	-.1	.4	.5	.3	0	.9	5.0	3.8
Other goods and services	.8	.5	.2	.5	.4	.6	.9	7.5	6.3

NOTE: Seasonal adjustment factors have been recalculated to reflect developments during 1985. For this reason, some of the seasonally adjusted figures above and elsewhere in this release differ from those previously published.

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moderate. A decline in clothing prices and a smaller increase in the cost of medical care also contributed to the slowdown. On the other hand, the entertainment and other goods and services components registered substantially larger increases in January than in recent months.

The food and beverage component rose 0.3 percent in January. Grocery store food prices also rose 0.3 percent in January, after registering increases of 0.8 percent in both November and December. A decline in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs and a smaller, but still substantial, increase in fruit and vegetable prices were responsible for the moderation. Beef prices, which had increased 6.0 percent in the fourth quarter of 1985, declined 0.9 percent in January. Prices for poultry and eggs also turned down in January, while pork prices were virtually unchanged. On the other hand, a sharp price increase was recorded for fish and seafood. The smaller increase in fruit and vegetable prices was attributable to a sharp deceleration in fresh vegetable prices, which were unchanged in January following seasonal adjustment. Fresh fruit prices registered their second consecutive large increase in January, while prices for processed fruits and vegetables--up 0.1 percent--continued their recent near-stable behavior. Among other grocery store foods, the indexes for cereal and bakery products and dairy products were up slightly while the other food at home component, reflecting a sharp increase in coffee prices, rose 0.6 percent. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.2 and 0.5 percent, respectively.

The housing component increased 0.3 percent in January, the same as in December. The deceleration in the cost of household fuels--unchanged in January, following a 0.4 percent increase in December--was offset by an acceleration in the charges for other utilities and public services. The other two major housing groups--shelter costs and household furnishings and operations--rose 0.4 and 0.1 percent, respectively, in January, the same as in December. Within fuels, a 1.3 percent decline in fuel oil prices was offset by increases of 0.6 and 0.1 percent in the indexes for electricity and natural gas, respectively. Shelter costs rose 0.4 percent, with renters' and homeowners' costs each up 0.3 percent, and maintenance and repair costs up 1.4 percent.

The transportation component advanced 0.5 percent in January, following a 0.4 percent increase in December. The moderation in transportation energy costs was more than offset by larger increases in public transportation fees, automobile insurance costs, and used car prices. Although pump prices declined, the index for gasoline rose 0.1 percent, after seasonal adjustment. This, however, compares with a 1.3 percent increase in the last 2 months in 1985. Despite these recent advances, gasoline prices remain well below--11.4 percent--their peak of March 1981. New car prices also rose less in January--up 0.1 percent--than in recent months and automobile finance charges registered a larger decline than in the preceding month. On the other hand, the index for public transportation, which was unchanged in December, rose 1.6 percent in January, largely reflecting sharp increases in intracity mass transit fees and intercity bus fares. Automobile insurance costs continued to increase sharply, advancing 1.8 percent in January after registering a 1.1 percent rise in December. In the past 12 months, these costs have increased 12.4 percent. Used car prices, which registered small increases in each of the past 3 months, advanced 0.6 percent in January.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined 0.3 percent in January, after registering no change in December. A 0.5 percent decline in clothing prices, reflecting larger than usual seasonal price reductions, was only partially offset by a 0.9 percent rise in charges for apparel services.

The January increase of 0.4 percent in the medical care component follows a 0.7 percent rise in December. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies --rose 0.8 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.4 percent, with the costs of professional services and hospital rooms up 0.1 and 0.7 percent, respectively.

The index for entertainment, which was unchanged in December, advanced 0.9 percent in January. This reflects a turnaround in the prices for all major entertainment commodity groups--reading materials, sporting goods and equipment, and toys, hobbies, and other entertainment commodities--coupled with a larger increase in charges for entertainment services.

The other goods and services components advanced 0.9 percent in January, after increasing 0.6 percent in December, largely as a result of a 1.6 percent increase in prices for tobacco products.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) -- Seasonally Adjusted Changes

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.3 percent in January, the same as in the CPI-U.

Table B. Percent Changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted								Unadjusted
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Jan.'86	12-mons. ended Jan.'86
	1985						1986		
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.		
All items	.2	.2	.1	.3	.6	.4	.3	5.3	3.7
Food and beverages	.1	.1	.3	.3	.6	.6	.2	5.7	2.9
Housing	.2	.4	.1	.3	.5	.4	.3	4.6	4.3
Apparel and upkeep	0	.1	.3	.3	.4	0	0	1.4	2.8
Transportation	0	-.2	-.2	.4	.7	.4	.5	6.2	2.7
Medical care	.4	.6	.6	.5	.5	.6	.5	6.4	6.9
Entertainment	.3	0	.2	.4	.4	.0	1.0	5.6	3.4
Other goods and services	.8	.5	.3	.5	.3	.6	1.0	7.9	6.1

Consumer Price Index data for February 1986 will be released on Tuesday, March 25, 1986, at 8:30 A.M. (EST).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REVISION

The Bureau of Labor Statistics will begin publishing a revised Consumer Price Index (CPI) with the release of the January 1987 index in February 1987. As a result of the revision, both the CPI-U and the CPI-W will have updated expenditure weights based upon data tabulated from 3 years (1982, 1983, and 1984) of the Consumer Expenditure Survey, replacing the current expenditure weights based on 1972-73 data. The Bureau periodically revises the expenditure weights to reflect price changes of items currently being purchased by consumers.

The January 1987 CPI also will introduce a greatly enhanced housing survey, which will improve the rental equivalence measure of homeownership costs in both the CPI-U and CPI-W. The new housing sample was designed to represent optimally both owners and renters in the estimation of shelter costs.

A number of methodological and sampling advances first introduced in the 1978 revision also have been enhanced and will be incorporated into the CPI for January 1987. For example, the selection of the urban areas and the allocation of outlet samples in which prices are collected for the CPI were done by the Bureau with the primary objective of producing the most accurate national CPI possible with the funds available. The January 1987 index also will be based, for the first time, on the geographic distribution of consumers as of the 1980 Census of Population. The current CPI uses the 1970 Census of Population. The requirement to allocate the sample to provide the most accurate national CPI did result in some local areas not having samples sufficient to permit frequent publication. Therefore, beginning in January 1987, the Bureau will publish a number of local area CPI's less frequently. The areas affected by the changes in publication are identified later in this announcement.

Both the CPI-U and the CPI-W published for January 1987 will be linked to the present series of each index as of December 1986 to provide a continuous series. The linking will be accomplished by setting the index levels of the revised CPI with the updated expenditure weights and samples equal to those published for the present series in December 1986. Each index will move upward or downward from the December 1986 level in accordance with subsequent changes in prices.

As in the past, the Bureau will publish selected indexes using the old expenditure weights for 6 months after the issuance of the revised CPI. Unlike earlier revisions, these overlap indexes will not be based on the old samples and will differ from the revised indexes only by their expenditure weights. The base period for the revised CPI issued for January 1987 will be 1967=100, the same as for the present index.

In addition to the national all-city average CPI-U and CPI-W indexes, the Bureau now publishes indexes for 28 local areas. In 1987, it will continue to publish indexes for all but one of these areas -- Northeast Pennsylvania (Scranton-Wilkes-Barre). Because of the requirement to allocate the sample to provide the most accurate national CPI possible, 13 of the remaining 27 published areas will be published less frequently.

Beginning in 1987, the index for Detroit, currently published monthly, will be published only for the even-numbered months. Twelve areas now published bimonthly will be compiled on a semiannual average basis. These areas are: Buffalo-Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Cincinnati-Hamilton, Ohio-Ky.-Ind; Kansas City, Mo.-Kansas City, Kan.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wis.; Atlanta, Ga.; Anchorage, Alaska; Denver-Boulder, Colo.; Honolulu, Hawaii; Portland-Vancouver, Ore.-Wash.; San Diego, Calif.; and Seattle-Tacoma, Wash. These semiannual average indexes, which refer to the arithmetic averages of the 6-month periods from January through June and July through December, will be published with release of the CPI for July and January, respectively, i.e., in the months of August and February. These series will be compiled and published on their present reference bases, 1967=100 for all areas other than Anchorage, which is on an October 1967 reference base. Also, the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, Ohio, indexes will be published for odd-numbered rather then even-numbered months.

Indexes also are currently published bimonthly for 4 regions, 5 size classes, and 16 region-by-size groups. Beginning with January 1987, publication will become monthly; two of the size classes will be combined; and two of the region-by-size groups will be eliminated.

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year -- such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1981 through 1985 were replaced at the end of 1985. The seasonal movement of all items and 44 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 51 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 51 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period. If any of the 51 components change their status from not seasonally adjusted to seasonally adjusted, seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but not seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPI's for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population; and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which represents about half the population covered by the CPI-U. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 4,000 food stores, 24,000 rental units, and 28,000 establishments—department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 28 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price changes from a designated reference date—1967—which equals 100.0. An increase of 203 percent, for example, is shown as 303.0. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: The price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from $10 in 1967 to $30.30.

For further details see *BLS Handbook of Methods*, Vol. II, "The Consumer Price Index," Bulletin 2134-2, April 1984.

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

Index Point Change

CPI	315.5
Less previous index	303.5
Equals index point change	12.0

Percent Change

Index point difference	12.0
Divided by the previous index	303.5
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

Other Sources Of CPI Data

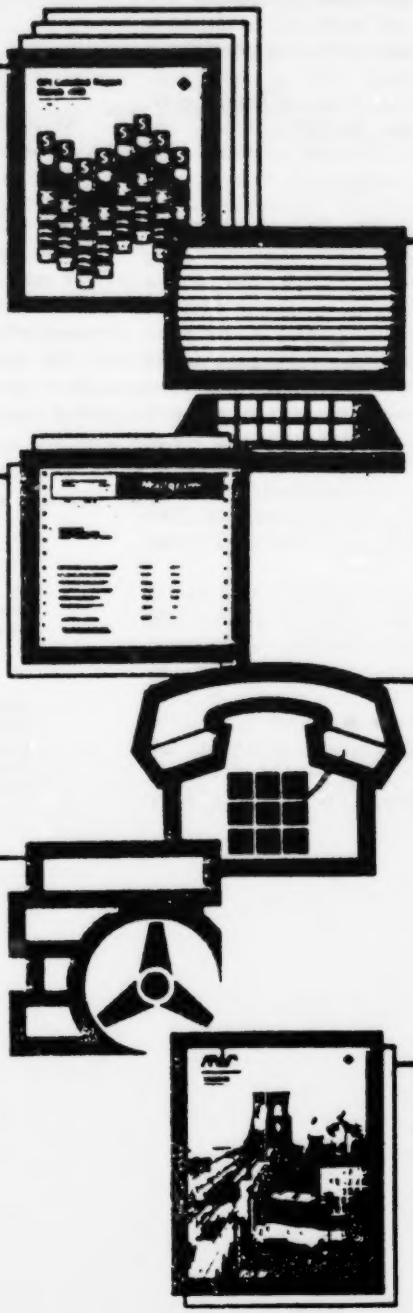

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TABLE 1. Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers: U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group. 1967=100 unless otherwise noted

CPI-U

Group	Relative importance, December 1985	Unadjusted indexes Dec. 1985	Jan. 1986	Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1986 from- Jan. 1985	Dec. 1985	Seasonally adjusted percent change from- Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. to Jan.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	327.4	328.4	3.9	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3
All items(1957-59=100)	-	380.8	381.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.619	305.6	307.9	2.9	.8	.6	.6	.3
Food	18.513	313.2	315.6	2.7	.8	.7	.6	.2
Food at home	12.380	299.3	302.5	2.2	1.1	.8	.8	.3
Cereals and bakery products 1/	1.707	321.9	322.0	3.1	.0	.3	.6	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.884	269.9	271.5	1.8	.6	2.1	.9	-.1
Dairy products 1/	1.573	256.9	257.2	-.6	.1	.0	-.1	.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.938	323.9	334.4	4.2	3.2	.9	2.9	.8
Other food at home	3.279	361.3	365.7	2.2	1.2	.1	.1	.6
Sugar and sweets 1/	.478	402.2	405.1	2.7	.7	-.3	.2	.7
Fats and oils 1/	.349	290.3	292.1	-1.3	.6	.3	-.6	.6
Nonalcoholic beverages	1.331	448.8	459.7	2.3	2.4	.0	.0	1.2
Other prepared foods	1.121	297.3	298.0	2.9	.2	.2	.3	-.2
Food away from home	6.133	352.1	353.1	3.9	.3	.3	.3	.2
Alcoholic beverages	1.108	236.2	237.5	5.9	.6	.3	.3	.5
Housing	37.884	355.8	356.8	4.3	.3	.8	.3	.3
Shelter	22.255	392.3	393.8	6.1	.4	.7	.4	.4
Renters' costs 2/	7.319	118.3	118.8	6.3	.4	.8	.3	.3
Rent, residential	6.354	272.4	273.4	6.3	.4	.8	.4	.4
Other renters' costs	.965	398.1	401.1	6.0	.8	.4	-.8	-.5
Homeowners' costs 2/	14.417	116.3	116.7	6.1	.3	.7	.4	.3
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	14.018	116.3	116.7	6.1	.3	.7	.4	.3
Household insurance 1/ 2/	.402	115.0	115.7	6.1	.6	-.1	.4	.6
Maintenance and repairs 1/	.519	373.7	379.1	3.6	1.4	1.1	.3	1.4
Maintenance and repair services 1/	.291	426.2	432.6	4.3	1.5	1.0	.0	1.5
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	.228	273.3	277.1	2.7	1.4	1.3	.7	1.4
Fuel and other utilities	8.081	393.3	394.6	1.9	.3	.4	.3	.2
Fuels	5.783	483.6	484.7	.7	.2	.4	.4	.0
Fuel oil, coal, and bottled gas	1.323	657.3	650.3	4.6	-1.1	3.0	1.3	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	4.459	439.9	442.6	-.3	.6	-.3	.1	.4
Other utilities and public services 1/	2.298	245.8	247.3	5.1	.6	.5	.0	.6
Household furnishings and operation	7.548	248.8	248.8	1.9	.0	.2	.1	.1
Housefurnishings	3.744	200.1	199.8	.5	-.1	.2	.0	.1
Housekeeping supplies	1.636	317.7	318.3	2.7	.2	.3	.2	-.1
Housekeeping services 1/	2.168	343.2	343.9	3.8	.2	.1	.1	.2
Apparel and upkeep	5.016	209.0	205.0	2.6	-1.9	.3	.0	-.3
Apparel commodities	4.208	194.2	189.5	2.0	-2.4	.3	-.2	-.5
Men's and boys' apparel	1.380	202.0	198.6	2.8	-1.7	.3	.2	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.536	172.6	164.4	1.9	-4.8	.1	-.3	-1.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	.117	304.1	313.9	8.1	3.2	1.6	-.9	3.2
Footwear	.626	213.1	209.1	.2	-1.9	1.3	-.4	-1.1
Other apparel commodities 1/	.549	214.6	215.5	1.6	.4	.0	-.1	.4
Apparel services	.808	326.9	329.8	5.5	.9	.2	.4	.9
Transportation	21.387	324.0	323.9	2.9	.0	.7	.4	.5
Private transportation	19.790	317.8	317.3	2.7	-.2	.7	.4	.4
New vehicles	3.854	219.2	219.7	3.3	.2	.4	.3	.0
New cars	3.433	219.4	219.9	3.2	.2	.3	.3	.1
Used cars	4.352	375.6	374.1	-2.3	-.4	.1	.2	.5
Motor fuel	5.469	377.5	373.3	4.4	-1.1	.8	.5	.2
Gasoline		376.8	372.5	4.4	-1.1	.8	.5	.1
Maintenance and repair	1.687	357.5	357.9	3.2	.1	.2	.5	.2
Other private transportation 1/	4.428	295.2	297.7	4.9	.8	1.5	.4	.8
Other private trans. commodities 1/	.627	202.1	203.4	.7	.6	-.6	.2	.6
Other private trans. services 1/	3.800	322.7	325.5	5.6	.9	1.8	.5	.9
Public transportation 1/	1.597	412.9	419.6	6.4	1.6	.3	.0	1.6
Medical care	6.450	414.7	418.2	6.9	.8	.5	.7	.4
Medical care commodities	1.072	262.9	264.5	6.6	.6	.5	.3	.6
Medical care services	5.378	448.0	451.9	7.0	.9	.5	.7	.4
Professional services	2.473	377.1	378.9	6.2	.5	.6	.6	.1
Other medical care services	2.905	533.6	540.3	7.7	1.3	.4	.8	.7
Entertainment	4.197	268.3	270.8	3.8	.9	.3	.0	.9
Entertainment commodities	2.409	262.5	264.7	3.0	.8	.2	-.1	.7
Entertainment services 1/	1.788	277.1	279.9	4.8	1.0	.5	.2	1.0
Other goods and services	5.447	336.5	339.1	6.3	.8	.4	.6	.9
Tobacco products 1/	1.535	337.4	342.7	6.8	1.6	.1	.8	1.6
Personal care 1/	1.863	286.3	288.1	3.9	.6	.1	.3	.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	.850	282.5	285.3	4.1	1.0	-.1	.5	1.0
Personal care services 1/	1.013	290.6	291.8	3.8	.4	.3	.1	.4
Personal and educational expenses	2.049	415.5	416.8	8.1	.3	.8	.6	.7
School books and supplies	.253	364.7	371.0	8.9	1.7	.8	.7	.5
Personal and educational services	1.796	427.0	427.6	8.0	.1	.8	.6	.7
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	327.4	328.4	3.9	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3
Commodities	51.181	289.9	290.1	2.6	.1	.5	.4	.3
Food and beverages	19.619	305.6	307.9	2.9	.8	.6	.6	.3
Commodities less food and beverages	31.562	277.7	276.6	2.4	-.4	.4	.3	.2
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	18.764	286.8	284.9	3.8	-.7	.5	.0	-.7
Apparel commodities	4.208	194.2	189.5	2.0	-2.4	.3	-.2	-.5
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	14.556	339.1	338.7	4.4	-.1	.7	.4	-.1
Durables	12.798	271.4	271.4	.4	.0	.3	.1	.3
Services	48.819	389.8	391.7	5.3	.6	.6	.3	.4
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	21.250	117.0	117.4	6.1	.3	.5	.3	.3
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ 2/	9.703	110.8	111.4	2.3	.5	-1.2	.0	.5
Transportation services	7.084	346.1	349.0	5.2	.8	1.1	.4	.8
Medical care services	5.378	448.0	451.9	7.0	.9	.5	.7	.4
Other services	5.405	322.9	324.8	5.8	.6	.8	.4	.6
Special indexes:								
All items less food	81.487	328.9	329.5	4.2	.2	.5	.3	.4
All items less shelter	77.745	307.9	308.8	3.3	.3	.5	.4	.4
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	85.583	111.3	111.6	3.5	.3	.5	.4	.4
All items less medical care	93.550	322.6	323.4	3.7	.2	.6	.4	.4
Commodities less food	32.668	275.7	274.7	2.6	-.4	.5	.3	.2
Nondurables less food 1/	19.870	282.0	280.4	4.0	-.6	.5	.0	-.6
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	15.662	325.1	324.9	4.5	-.1	.6	.3	-.1
Nondurables	38.383	297.4	297.7	3.4	.1	.6	.5	.1
Services less rent of shelter 1/ 2/	27.570	115.4	116.2	4.6	.7	.1	.2	.7
Services less medical care 1/	43.442	380.8	382.7	5.1	.5	.2	.2	.5
Energy	11.252	426.5	424.7	2.5	-.4	.6	.4	.1
All items less energy	88.748	320.5	321.8	4.1	.4	.5	.4	.4
All items less food and energy	70.335	320.7	321.6	4.4	.3	.5	.3	.4
Commodities less food and energy	25.875	262.2	261.8	2.1	-.2	.2	.2	.3
Energy commodities	6.793	417.9	413.2	4.4	-1.1	1.2	.7	-.1
Services less energy	44.360	385.8	387.9	5.9	.5	.7	.4	.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1967=$1.00 1/	-	$0.305	$0.305	-3.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.0
1957-59=$1.00 1/	-	.263	.262	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

TABLE 2. Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers: Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, 1967=100 unless otherwise noted

Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for-					
					3 months ending in			6 months ending in		
	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1989	Apr. 1988	July 1988	Oct. 1988	Jan. 1989	July 1988	Jan. 1989
CPI-U										
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	4.6	2.6	3.1	5.1	3.6	4.1
Food and beverages	303.5	305.4	307.3	309.2	1.3	.8	3.2	6.3	1.1	4.8
Food	311.1	313.2	315.2	315.5	1.3	.6	2.6	6.3	1.0	4.4
Food at home	298.9	299.4	301.4	302.6	-.1	-.9	1.8	7.9	-.5	4.8
Cereals and bakery products 1/	318.9	319.9	321.9	322.0	3.1	3.2	2.0	3.9	3.2	3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	262.5	265.0	270.3	270.1	-5.2	-9.0	4.2	12.1	-4.1	8.1
Dairy products 1/	287.1	287.1	286.9	287.2	-.8	-.8	-1.1	.2	-.8	-.8
Fruits and vegetables	323.3	326.2	336.8	338.5	5.4	-6.3	-.6	20.2	-.6	9.3
Other food at home	362.6	362.9	363.1	368.4	1.8	2.5	1.4	3.1	2.1	2.3
Sugar and sweets 1/	402.6	401.4	402.2	408.1	1.8	4.2	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.5
Fats and oils 1/	291.3	292.1	290.5	293.1	-2.8	5.3	-8.6	1.2	1.3	-3.8
Nonalcoholic beverages	459.3	459.3	459.3	488.8	2.8	.2	1.9	4.9	1.3	3.4
Other prepared foods	297.3	298.0	298.9	298.3	2.8	3.8	3.9	1.4	3.2	2.6
Food away from home	350.6	351.7	352.7	353.6	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.3	4.2	3.7
Alcoholic beverages	238.9	236.7	237.3	238.5	1.6	2.9	15.2	4.4	2.2	9.7
Housing	353.3	355.2	356.2	357.1	5.0	4.8	3.6	4.4	4.7	3.9
Shelter	387.9	390.5	391.9	393.3	6.4	7.3	5.1	5.7	6.9	5.4
Renters' costs 2/	117.5	118.3	118.5	118.8	7.0	7.8	6.0	4.5	7.3	5.2
Rent, residential	269.4	271.1	272.1	273.1	6.7	8.6	6.5	5.6	6.6	6.0
Other renters' costs	406.8	408.3	408.8	403.9	10.7	12.4	4.2	-2.8	11.5	.6
Homeowners' costs 1/	114.9	115.7	116.2	116.6	6.0	7.7	4.7	6.1	6.8	5.4
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	114.9	115.7	116.2	116.6	6.0	7.7	4.7	6.1	6.8	5.4
Household insurance 1/ 2/	114.6	114.5	115.0	115.7	9.1	4.8	6.9	3.9	6.9	5.4
Maintenance and repairs 1/	368.5	372.7	373.7	379.1	2.2	-.2	.8	12.0	1.0	6.2
Maintenance and repair services 1/	432.2	426.4	426.2	432.6	3.4	2.8	1.0	10.2	3.1	5.5
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	269.0	271.5	273.3	277.1	.7	-3.8	.3	14.3	-1.6	7.1
Fuel and other utilities	393.7	398.4	398.5	397.2	3.1	1.6	-.5	3.6	2.3	1.9
Fuels	484.0	486.1	487.9	488.1	3.4	-2.0	-2.0	3.4	.7	.7
Fuel oil, coal, and bottled gas	621.2	639.6	647.7	640.7	9.8	-10.9	8.2	13.2	-1.1	10.6
Gas (piped) and electricity	447.6	446.4	447.0	448.8	1.9	.4	-4.4	1.1	1.1	-1.7
Other utilities and public services 1/	244.7	245.9	246.8	247.3	1.9	11.3	3.2	4.3	6.5	3.7
Household furnishings and operation	248.4	248.9	249.1	249.4	3.1	-.6	3.5	1.6	1.2	2.5
Housefurnishings	200.1	200.0	200.5	200.8	.8	-3.2	2.8	1.4	-1.2	2.1
Housekeeping supplies	316.7	317.6	318.3	318.0	2.5	1.8	0.1	1.7	2.1	2.4
Housekeeping services 1/	342.2	343.7	343.2	343.9	0.2	2.3	2.9	2.0	5.2	2.1
Apparel and upkeep	207.7	208.4	208.3	207.7	6.3	.4	4.1	.0	3.9	1.3
Apparel commodities	193.0	193.6	193.3	192.3	6.3	-.2	4.0	-1.4	3.0	3.7
Men's and boys' apparel	199.7	200.2	200.6	200.6	4.8	-.8	5.8	1.8	2.0	.6
Women's and girls' apparel	172.1	172.2	171.7	169.3	7.9	-.9	8.1	-8.4	3.4	13.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	308.1	307.0	304.1	313.9	7.1	-1.1	10.7	18.6	2.9	-2.1
Footwear	211.0	213.7	212.9	210.6	4.6	.6	-3.3	-.8	2.6	-1.1
Other apparel commodities 1/	314.9	314.9	314.6	318.5	7.0	1.7	-3.3	1.1	4.3	5.7
Apparel services	325.7	326.4	327.6	330.5	6.1	4.9	5.3	6.0	5.6	5.3
Transportation	320.5	322.6	323.9	325.5	6.1	-.7	.2	6.4	2.6	3.9
Private transportation	314.3	316.6	317.7	319.1	6.3	-1.1	-.4	6.3	2.5	2.9
New vehicles	316.7	317.6	318.3	318.4	4.4	1.9	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.4
New cars	317.0	317.7	318.4	318.6	4.2	2.1	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.2
Used cars	373.0	373.4	374.3	376.4	6.7	-15.4	-2.3	3.7	-5.0	.6
Motor fuel	374.5	377.4	379.4	380.1	11.7	8.3	-8.0	6.3	8.4	.5
Gasoline	373.9	376.8	378.8	379.3	12.1	8.5	-8.2	5.9	8.7	.2
Maintenance and repair	354.8	358.6	357.5	358.3	3.0	3.1	3.8	4.0	2.6	3.9
Other private transportation 1/	289.6	293.9	295.2	297.7	2.7	2.5	2.8	11.7	2.6	7.1
Other private trans. commodities 1/	202.8	201.6	202.1	203.4	1.6	-1.3	1.2	1.2	.2	1.2
Other private trans. services 1/	315.4	321.2	322.7	325.5	2.9	5.3	3.1	13.4	3.1	8.1
Public transportation 1/	411.5	412.8	412.9	419.6	9.9	4.8	9.4	8.1	4.0	8.7
Medical care	410.9	413.0	416.7	417.5	7.1	7.0	8.7	6.6	7.1	6.6
Medical care commodities	261.6	262.9	263.6	268.6	8.7	7.0	6.5	6.3	6.9	6.4
Medical care services	449.1	445.4	448.7	450.7	7.2	7.1	8.7	7.0	7.2	6.9
Professional services	373.7	376.1	378.8	378.9	6.3	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.2	6.1
Other medical care services	527.8	529.9	534.3	538.1	8.1	7.9	6.9	6.0	8.0	7.5
Entertainment	268.1	268.9	269.0	271.4	2.2	4.6	3.4	5.0	3.4	4.2
Entertainment commodities	263.4	263.8	263.6	265.5	1.2	3.6	3.7	3.2	2.4	3.5
Entertainment services 1/	275.2	276.6	277.1	279.9	3.3	6.2	3.8	7.0	4.8	4.9
Other goods and services	332.3	333.5	335.4	338.4	6.8	6.9	4.8	7.5	6.3	6.2
Tobacco products 1/	334.4	334.7	337.4	343.7	3.8	7.6	8.4	10.3	5.7	7.8
Personal care 1/	285.0	285.4	286.3	288.1	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.4	3.7	4.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	281.4	281.1	282.6	288.3	4.6	2.6	3.8	5.7	3.6	4.8
Personal care services 1/	289.2	290.2	290.6	291.8	3.2	4.8	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.9
Personal and educational expenses	404.7	407.9	410.5	413.2	9.3	9.2	5.3	8.7	9.3	7.0
School books and supplies	380.0	382.7	388.2	387.0	9.3	8.7	9.7	8.0	9.0	8.8
Personal and educational services	418.2	419.8	421.2	424.2	9.3	9.3	4.7	9.0	9.3	6.6
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	4.6	2.6	3.1	5.1	3.6	4.1
Commodities	287.5	289.0	290.2	291.1	3.9	-.5	2.1	5.1	1.8	3.6
Food and beverages	303.8	305.4	307.3	309.2	1.3	.8	3.2	6.3	1.1	4.8
Commodities less food and beverages	278.3	278.5	277.3	277.9	5.7	-1.2	1.8	5.8	2.2	2.7
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	285.3	286.8	286.6	284.9	10.8	2.0	3.4	-.6	6.3	1.4
Apparel commodities	193.0	193.6	193.3	192.3	6.3	-.2	4.0	-1.4	3.0	1.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	338.6	337.8	339.1	338.7	10.0	5.0	-.9	5.7	7.5	1.4
Durables	269.8	270.6	270.9	271.7	3.0	-4.8	.7	2.8	-1.0	1.8
Services	386.7	389.0	390.3	391.9	5.4	6.0	3.9	5.5	5.7	4.7
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	116.1	116.7	117.0	117.4	5.2	8.5	6.4	4.6	6.8	5.5
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ 2/	113.1	110.8	110.8	111.4	3.5	13.0	-9.6	-2.6	8.1	-9.2
Transportation services	341.0	344.7	346.1	349.0	2.8	3.6	4.7	9.7	3.2	7.2
Medical care services	443.1	445.4	448.7	450.7	7.2	7.1	8.7	7.0	7.2	6.9
Other services	319.0	320.7	321.9	324.4	5.6	6.6	4.0	6.9	6.1	5.5
Special indexes:										
All items less food	326.1	327.6	328.8	330.1	5.4	3.0	3.3	5.0	4.2	4.1
All items less shelter	305.8	307.3	308.5	309.6	4.1	1.8	2.6	5.2	3.2	3.9
All items less homeowners' costs 1/	110.5	111.1	111.5	111.9	4.5	1.8	2.6	5.4	3.4	4.1
All items less medical care	319.9	321.7	322.9	324.1	4.4	2.4	2.6	5.4	3.2	2.8
Commodities less food	273.5	274.8	275.5	276.0	5.5	-.9	1.9	3.7	2.2	1.8
Nondurables less food	280.7	282.0	282.0	280.4	10.5	2.0	4.1	-.4	6.2	1.9
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	322.0	324.0	325.1	324.9	9.6	4.9	.1	3.7	7.2	1.9
Nondurables	295.2	297.0	298.5	298.9	3.9	2.1	2.5	5.1	3.0	3.8
Services less rent of shelter 1/ 2/	115.1	115.2	115.4	116.2	4.0	7.3	3.2	3.9	5.7	3.5
Services less medical care 1/	379.3	380.1	380.8	382.7	4.2	7.9	4.4	3.6	6.1	4.0
Energy	425.8	426.4	430.3	430.8	7.3	1.3	-3.3	4.8	4.3	.7
All items less energy	317.9	319.6	320.8	322.1	4.2	2.8	4.0	5.4	3.5	4.7
All items less food and energy	318.0	319.6	320.6	321.9	5.2	3.4	4.3	5.0	4.3	4.6
Commodities less food and energy	261.0	261.6	262.1	262.8	3.9	-1.7	3.3	2.8	1.1	3.0
Energy commodities	410.6	415.6	418.4	419.1	11.3	2.0	-2.6	7.5	6.5	2.3
Services less energy	382.0	384.5	385.9	387.9	5.7	6.6	5.0	6.3	6.2	5.6

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

TABLE 3. Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers: Selected areas, all items index, 1967=100 unless otherwise noted

CPI-U Area 1/	Pricing schedule 2/	Other index base	Indexes Oct. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1986	Percent change to Jan. 1986 from- Jan. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1985	Percent change to Dec. 1985 from- Dec. 1984	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1985
U.S. city average			325.5	326.5	327.4	328.4	3.9	0.6	0.3	3.8	0.6	0.2
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	M		322.6	324.2	325.9	326.3	3.6	.6	.1	3.8	1.0	.6
Detroit, Mich.	M		319.7	323.1	323.1	323.1	3.9	.0	.0	4.8	1.1	.0
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	M		326.1	325.0	326.1	326.8	4.4	.6	.2	4.8	.0	.3
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	M		317.4	319.9	320.6	323.1	4.8	1.0	.7	4.2	1.1	.3
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	M		317.4	318.6	319.7	320.3	4.6	.5	.2	4.8	.7	.5
Anchorage, Alaska	1	10/67	-	286.9	-	287.1	3.2	.1	-	-	-	-
Baltimore, Md.	1		-	327.3	-	332.0	5.3	1.4	-	-	-	-
Boston, Mass.	1		-	325.4	-	327.1	5.7	.5	-	-	-	-
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1		-	333.4	-	333.2	2.8	-.1	-	-	-	-
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1		-	359.4	-	364.4	3.5	1.4	-	-	-	-
Miami, Fla.	1	11/77	-	173.9	-	174.6	3.6	.4	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee, Wis.	1		-	333.9	-	333.9	2.9	.0	-	-	-	-
Northeast Pennsylvania	1		-	310.6	-	311.6	3.3	.3	-	-	-	-
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1		-	317.1	-	321.3	4.7	1.3	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1		-	321.6	-	322.4	2.9	.2	-	-	-	-
San Diego, Calif.	1		-	379.0	-	381.9	4.9	.8	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1		-	324.0	-	327.0	5.3	.9	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1		-	328.9	-	331.1	5.2	1.3	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	2		333.0	-	335.3	-	-	-	-	5.4	.7	-
Buffalo, N.Y.	2		309.3	-	309.8	-	-	-	-	2.1	.2	-
Cleveland, Ohio	2		348.6	-	348.8	-	-	-	-	2.7	.1	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	2		343.9	-	344.5	-	-	-	-	4.2	.2	-
Honolulu, Hawaii	2		298.6	-	298.5	-	-	-	-	3.0	1.0	-
Houston, Tex.	2		337.6	-	336.8	-	-	-	-	1.0	-.2	-
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	2		323.1	-	321.8	-	-	-	-	2.6	-.4	-
Minneapolis-St.Paul, Minn.-Wis.	2		340.6	-	340.4	-	-	-	-	3.8	-.1	-
Pittsburgh, Pa.	2		328.4	-	331.5	-	-	-	-	2.9	.9	-
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	2		336.7	-	336.4	-	-	-	-	3.3	-.1	-
Region 3/												
Northeast	2	12/77	172.5	-	174.3	-	-	-	-	4.4	1.0	-
North Central	2	12/77	174.9	-	176.0	-	-	-	-	3.3	.6	-
South	2	12/77	175.7	-	176.3	-	-	-	-	3.2	.3	-
West	2	12/77	176.9	-	177.2	-	-	-	-	4.1	.2	-
Population size class 3/												
A-1	2	12/77	172.9	-	174.3	-	-	-	-	4.3	.8	-
A-2	2	12/77	177.6	-	178.4	-	-	-	-	3.4	.5	-
B	2	12/77	176.3	-	177.3	-	-	-	-	3.7	.6	-
C	2	12/77	173.8	-	174.9	-	-	-	-	3.7	.6	-
D	2	12/77	173.8	-	174.7	-	-	-	-	3.2	.5	-
Region/population size class cross classification 3/												
Northeast/A	2	12/77	169.6	-	171.2	-	-	-	-	4.2	.9	-
North Central/A	2	12/77	176.2	-	179.4	-	-	-	-	3.6	.7	-
South/A	2	12/77	175.6	-	176.5	-	-	-	-	3.6	.5	-
West/A	2	12/77	179.1	-	179.3	-	-	-	-	4.2	.1	-
Northeast/B	2	12/77	174.9	-	176.7	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.0	-
North Central/B	2	12/77	173.4	-	174.2	-	-	-	-	3.0	.5	-
South/B	2	12/77	177.4	-	178.0	-	-	-	-	3.8	.3	-
West/B	2	12/77	177.9	-	178.4	-	-	-	-	4.4	.3	-
Northeast/C	2	12/77	181.7	-	184.1	-	-	-	-	5.8	1.3	-
North Central/C	2	12/77	170.1	-	171.5	-	-	-	-	3.1	.8	-
South/C	2	12/77	174.3	-	175.3	-	-	-	-	3.0	.6	-
West/C	2	12/77	169.7	-	169.1	-	-	-	-	3.8	-.4	-
Northeast/D	2	12/77	175.6	-	178.1	-	-	-	-	4.9	1.4	-
North Central/D	2	12/77	171.6	-	172.6	-	-	-	-	3.0	.6	-
South/D	2	12/77	174.8	-	174.5	-	-	-	-	2.4	-.2	-
West/D	2	12/77	174.5	-	176.2	-	-	-	-	3.8	1.0	-

1/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

2/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:
M - Every month.
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:

A-1	More than 4,000,000.
A-2	1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
B	385,000 to 1,250,000.
C	75,000 to 385,000.
D	Less than 75,000.

Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are by-products of the national CPI program. Because each local index is a small subset of the national index, it has a smaller sample size and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in escalator clauses.

TABLE 4. Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers: U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, 1967=100 unless otherwise noted

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Group	Relative importance, December 1985	Unadjusted indexes Dec. 1985	Unadjusted indexes Jan. 1986	Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1986 from- Jan. 1985	Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1986 from- Dec. 1985	Seasonally adjusted percent change from- Oct. to Nov.	Seasonally adjusted percent change from- Nov. to Dec.	Seasonally adjusted percent change from- Dec. to Jan.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	323.4	324.3	3.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3
All items(1957-59=100)	-	376.1	377.1	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	21.114	305.4	307.7	2.9	.8	.6	.6	.2
Food	19.918	312.8	315.1	2.7	.7	.6	.6	.1
Food at home	13.440	297.9	300.9	2.2	1.0	.8	.7	.2
Cereals and bakery products 1/	1.858	320.4	320.4	3.1	.0	.3	.7	.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	4.275	269.2	270.7	1.8	.6	1.8	.6	-.1
Dairy products 1/	1.704	255.7	256.0	-.7	.1	.0	-.1	.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.973	319.3	329.7	4.7	3.3	3.2	3.1	.8
Other food at home	3.629	361.6	366.1	2.2	1.2	.1	.1	.6
Sugar and sweets 1/	.806	401.8	404.7	2.7	.7	-.3	.2	.7
Fats and oils 1/	.373	289.6	291.8	-1.3	.7	.4	-.8	.7
Nonalcoholic beverages	1.509	450.4	461.0	2.2	2.4	.0	.0	1.2
Other prepared foods	1.243	298.7	299.4	2.9	.2	.3	.3	-.2
Food away from home	6.478	355.2	356.2	3.8	.3	.3	.3	.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.196	239.1	240.1	5.5	.4	.3	.4	.5
Housing	38.163	349.1	350.1	4.3	.3	.8	.4	.3
Shelter	20.403	380.4	381.8	6.1	.4	.6	.8	.4
Renters' costs 2/	6.580	106.3	106.7	6.3	.4	.6	.4	.3
Rent, residential	5.926	271.5	272.5	6.3	.4	.6	.5	.3
Other renters' costs	.654	397.5	400.8	6.1	.8	.4	-.5	-.3
Homeowners' costs 2/	13.273	108.9	108.3	6.1	.4	.6	.8	.4
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	12.929	108.9	108.3	6.1	.4	.6	.8	.4
Household insurance 1/ 2/	.344	108.7	108.3	6.2	.6	.0	.5	.6
Maintenance and repairs 1/	.550	368.5	373.2	3.4	1.5	.9	.2	1.3
Maintenance and repair services 1/	.259	420.1	428.2	4.8	1.5	.8	-.2	1.5
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	.291	284.2	287.2	2.8	1.1	.8	.6	1.1
Fuel and other utilities	7.870	394.3	395.6	1.9	.3	.4	.3	.2
Fuels	5.687	483.1	484.1	.7	.2	.4	.4	.1
Fuel oil, coal, and bottled gas	1.307	689.9	682.7	4.6	-1.1	2.9	1.2	-1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity	4.380	438.8	441.4	-.4	.6	-.3	.2	.6
Other utilities and public services 1/	2.183	246.7	248.3	5.1	.6	.4	.0	.6
Household furnishings and operation	6.891	245.2	245.1	2.0	.0	.3	.0	.2
Housefurnishings	3.590	197.8	197.3	.5	-.3	.4	-.2	.2
Housekeeping supplies	1.663	315.0	315.8	2.9	.3	.3	.3	.0
Housekeeping services 1/	1.637	345.0	345.6	4.2	.2	.2	.1	.2
Apparel and upkeep	4.970	208.1	204.1	2.8	-1.9	.4	.0	.0
Apparel commodities	4.209	194.1	189.4	2.3	-2.4	.4	-.1	-.3
Men's and boys' apparel	1.364	202.2	198.8	2.7	-1.7	.1	.2	.0
Women's and girls' apparel	1.584	174.5	166.1	2.5	-4.8	.2	-.1	-1.0
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	.137	317.3	332.7	11.0	4.9	1.9	-1.1	4.9
Footwear	.857	213.6	209.9	.2	-1.7	1.8	-.5	-1.0
Other apparel commodities 1/	.487	202.4	203.8	1.8	.5	.0	.0	.5
Apparel services	.761	324.4	327.2	5.5	.9	.2	.4	.9
Transportation	23.840	325.3	325.1	2.7	-.1	.7	.4	.5
Private transportation	22.468	320.8	320.2	2.4	-.2	.7	.4	.4
New vehicles	4.022	218.6	219.0	3.3	.2	.4	.4	.0
New cars	3.430	218.8	219.2	3.2	.2	.4	.4	.0
Used cars	5.495	375.6	374.1	-2.3	-.4	.1	.2	.6
Motor fuel	6.191	379.6	375.3	4.5	-1.1	.9	.6	.2
Gasoline		378.9	374.6	4.6	-1.1	.9	.6	.2
Maintenance and repair	1.839	359.0	359.4	3.3	.1	.3	.6	.3
Other private transportation 1/	4.918	294.7	296.9	4.3	.7	1.6	.3	.7
Other private trans. commodities 1/	.697	204.3	205.6	.7	.6	-.6	.3	.6
Other private trans. services 1/	4.221	321.3	323.7	4.9	.7	1.9	.3	.7
Public transportation 1/	1.375	400.2	408.6	6.4	2.1	.2	.0	2.1
Medical care	5.737	412.6	416.0	6.9	.8	.5	.6	.8
Medical care commodities	.961	262.3	264.1	6.5	.7	.5	.3	.7
Medical care services	4.776	445.4	449.2	6.9	.9	.5	.7	.8
Professional services	2.337	377.6	379.3	6.2	.5	.6	.6	.1
Other medical care services	2.439	530.4	536.9	7.6	1.2	.4	.7	.8
Entertainment	3.894	263.0	265.4	3.4	.9	.4	.0	1.0
Entertainment commodities	2.392	255.7	257.8	2.7	.8	.2	-.2	.8
Entertainment services 1/	1.502	276.8	280.0	4.7	1.2	.6	.2	1.2
Other goods and services	5.282	331.9	334.9	6.1	.9	.3	.6	1.0
Tobacco products 1/	1.835	337.1	342.4	6.7	1.6	.1	.8	1.6
Personal care 1/	1.892	284.0	285.9	4.0	.7	.1	.3	.7
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	.928	283.3	285.9	4.1	.9	.0	.5	.9
Personal care services 1/	.964	285.2	286.4	3.9	.4	.4	.1	.4
Personal and educational expenses	1.554	417.4	418.9	8.0	.4	.8	.7	.7
School books and supplies	.224	369.4	375.6	8.7	1.7	.7	.7	.4
Personal and educational services	1.331	429.1	429.7	7.9	.1	.8	.6	.7
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	323.4	324.3	3.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3
Commodities	54.919	289.7	289.8	2.6	.0	.5	.4	.3
Food and beverages	21.114	305.4	307.7	2.9	.8	.6	.6	.2
Commodities less food and beverages	33.805	277.9	276.8	2.4	-.4	.5	.3	.3
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	19.735	288.7	286.9	4.0	-.6	.5	.1	-.6
Apparel commodities	4.209	194.1	189.4	2.3	-2.4	.4	-.1	-.3
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	15.526	340.1	339.6	4.4	-.1	.7	.4	-.1
Durables	14.070	265.7	265.6	.3	.0	.5	.3	.3
Services	45.081	385.1	387.2	5.1	.5	.5	.4	.4
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	19.446	108.1	108.4	6.1	.3	.7	.3	.3
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ 2/	8.866	102.0	102.6	2.2	.6	-1.2	-.1	.6
Transportation services	7.435	340.5	343.3	4.8	.8	1.2	.3	.9
Medical care services	4.776	445.4	449.2	6.9	.9	.5	.7	.5
Other services	4.558	318.3	320.4	5.6	.7	.6	.3	.8
Special indexes:								
All items less food	80.082	324.6	325.1	4.0	.2	.5	.4	.4
All items less shelter	79.597	307.2	307.9	3.1	.2	.5	.4	.3
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	86.727	103.2	103.5	3.4	.3	.5	.4	.4
All items less medical care	94.263	318.9	319.6	3.5	.2	.5	.4	.3
Commodities less food	35.000	275.9	275.0	2.5	-.3	.5	.3	.3
Nondurables less food 1/	20.930	283.9	282.3	4.1	-.6	.5	.0	-.6
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	16.721	326.3	325.9	4.5	-.1	.6	.4	-.1
Nondurables	40.848	298.2	298.4	3.4	.1	.6	.5	.1
Services less rent of shelter 1/ 2/	25.635	104.2	104.9	4.4	.7	.0	.3	.7
Services less medical care 1/	40.305	376.2	378.2	4.9	.5	.3	.2	.5
Energy	11.678	426.8	424.7	2.6	-.5	.7	.5	.1
All items less energy	88.122	315.3	316.5	3.9	.4	.5	.4	.4
All items less food and energy	68.204	314.6	315.4	4.2	.3	.5	.3	.3
Commodities less food and energy	27.503	259.2	258.8	2.0	-.2	.3	.2	.4
Energy commodities	7.498	418.9	414.1	4.5	-1.1	1.2	.7	-.1
Services less energy	40.701	380.8	382.9	5.5	.6	.6	.4	.5
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1967=$1.00 1/	-	$0.309	$0.308	-3.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3
1957-59=$1.00 1/	-	.266	.265	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 Base.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

TABLE 5. Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers: Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group, 1967=100 unless otherwise noted

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Group	Seasonally adjusted indexes				Seasonally adjusted annual rate of percent change for-					
	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1986	3 months ending in				6 months ending in	
					Apr. 1985	July 1985	Oct. 1985	Jan. 1986	July 1985	Jan. 1986
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	4.5	2.4	2.5	5.3	3.5	3.9
Food and beverages	303.4	305.2	307.0	307.6	1.5	1.3	2.8	5.7	1.4	4.2
Food	310.7	312.7	314.5	314.9	1.6	1.3	2.1	5.5	1.4	3.8
Food at home	295.3	297.7	299.9	300.6	.4	-.1	1.2	7.4	.1	4.3
Cereals and bakery products 1/	317.3	318.2	320.4	320.4	3.1	3.4	2.0	4.0	3.2	3.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	262.0	266.7	268.3	267.9	-3.7	-.9	2.8	9.3	-2.3	6.0
Dairy products 1/	255.9	255.9	255.7	256.0	-.9	-.9	-1.1	.2	-.9	-.5
Fruits and vegetables	317.8	321.5	331.4	334.0	5.6	-6.0	-1.0	22.0	-.3	9.9
Other food at home	363.0	363.3	363.6	365.8	1.9	2.7	1.1	3.1	2.3	2.1
Sugar and sweets 1/	402.2	400.9	401.8	404.7	1.5	4.4	2.4	2.5	3.0	2.5
Fats and oils 1/	290.6	291.8	289.6	291.6	-2.1	5.0	-8.7	1.4	1.4	-3.8
Nonalcoholic beverages	454.7	454.7	454.8	460.1	2.3	.4	1.5	4.8	1.4	3.2
Other prepared foods	298.7	299.5	300.4	299.7	2.8	4.7	3.4	1.3	3.8	2.4
Food away from home	353.8	354.8	355.7	356.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.7	4.1	3.5
Alcoholic beverages	238.7	239.3	240.2	241.3	1.2	2.8	14.2	4.4	3.0	9.2
Housing	346.6	348.2	349.5	350.4	5.0	4.2	3.3	4.6	4.6	3.9
Shelter	376.0	378.1	380.0	381.5	6.4	7.2	4.9	6.0	6.8	5.5
Renters' costs 2/	105.4	106.0	106.4	106.7	6.9	7.2	5.9	5.0	7.1	5.5
Rent, residential	268.4	270.0	271.3	272.2	6.7	6.5	6.4	5.8	5.6	6.1
Other renters' costs	406.3	407.9	405.7	404.4	10.6	12.2	4.1	-1.9	11.4	1.1
Homeowners' costs 2/	104.6	105.2	105.8	106.2	6.1	7.7	4.3	6.3	6.9	5.3
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	104.6	105.2	105.8	106.2	6.1	7.7	4.3	6.3	6.9	5.3
Household insurance 1/ 2/	105.2	105.2	105.7	106.3	9.5	4.4	6.7	4.2	6.9	5.5
Maintenance and repairs 1/	364.6	367.7	368.5	373.2	2.5	.3	1.3	9.8	1.4	5.5
Maintenance and repair services 1/	417.4	420.9	420.1	426.2	3.9	3.5	2.0	8.7	3.7	5.3
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	260.5	262.7	264.2	267.2	1.2	-2.4	.8	10.7	-.6	5.6
Fuel and other utilities	394.7	396.4	397.5	398.3	2.9	1.3	-.5	3.7	2.1	1.6
Fuels	483.3	485.4	487.4	487.8	3.3	-2.0	-2.0	3.8	.6	.3
Fuel oil, coal, and bottled gas	623.9	642.2	650.2	643.1	9.8	-11.0	8.5	12.9	-1.1	10.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	446.3	445.1	445.8	448.0	1.6	.4	-4.6	1.5	1.0	-1.6
Other utilities and public services 1/	245.7	246.8	246.7	248.3	1.7	11.2	3.3	4.3	6.4	3.8
Household furnishings and operation	244.5	245.2	245.3	245.8	3.5	-1.0	3.5	2.1	1.2	2.8
Housefurnishings	197.5	198.2	197.9	198.3	1.4	-3.6	2.9	1.6	-1.1	2.3
Housekeeping supplies	313.6	314.6	315.6	315.5	3.0	1.7	4.6	2.4	2.4	3.5
Housekeeping services 1/	343.9	344.5	345.0	345.6	9.0	2.4	3.4	2.0	5.6	2.7
Apparel and upkeep	206.4	207.2	207.2	207.1	5.9	1.6	3.0	1.4	3.7	2.2
Apparel commodities	192.5	193.2	193.1	192.5	5.9	.8	2.7	.0	3.3	1.4
Men's and boys' apparel	200.0	200.2	200.7	200.8	4.6	-.4	5.2	1.6	2.1	3.4
Women's and girls' apparel	173.4	173.7	173.6	171.8	7.3	1.9	4.5	-3.6	4.6	.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	314.8	320.7	317.3	332.7	9.2	.0	11.4	24.8	4.5	17.9
Footwear	211.3	214.4	213.3	211.2	3.7	.2	-2.8	-.2	1.9	-1.5
Other apparel commodities 1/	202.4	202.5	202.4	203.5	7.0	2.4	-4.0	2.2	4.7	-1.0
Apparel services	323.1	323.8	325.0	327.9	6.1	5.0	5.0	6.1	5.5	5.5
Transportation	321.6	323.8	325.0	326.5	5.9	-1.2	-.1	6.2	2.3	3.0
Private transportation	317.1	319.3	320.6	321.8	6.1	-1.6	-.5	6.1	2.2	2.7
New vehicles	216.1	217.0	217.8	217.9	4.0	1.5	4.4	3.4	2.8	3.9
New cars	216.3	217.1	217.9	217.9	4.2	2.1	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.2
Used cars	373.0	373.5	374.3	376.4	6.6	-15.4	-2.3	3.7	-5.0	.6
Motor fuel	376.0	379.3	381.5	382.2	11.8	5.9	-5.2	6.8	8.8	.6
Gasoline	375.6	378.8	380.8	381.5	12.1	5.9	-5.3	6.4	9.0	.4
Maintenance and repair	356.2	357.1	358.0	359.8	1.9	3.5	4.0	4.1	2.7	4.1
Other private transportation 1/	289.2	293.7	294.7	296.9	2.3	2.0	2.1	11.1	2.1	6.5
Other private trans. commodities 1/	205.0	203.7	204.3	205.6	1.8	-1.8	1.4	1.2	.1	1.3
Other private trans. services 1/	314.1	320.2	321.3	323.7	2.4	2.6	2.2	12.8	2.5	7.4
Public transportation 1/	399.3	400.1	400.2	408.6	3.4	4.9	7.5	9.6	4.2	8.6
Medical care	408.9	411.0	413.4	415.3	7.0	7.1	6.7	6.4	7.0	6.6
Medical care commodities	261.2	262.4	263.1	264.9	6.6	7.0	6.5	5.8	6.8	6.2
Medical care services	440.9	443.1	446.0	448.1	7.1	7.1	6.8	6.7	7.1	6.8
Professional services	374.3	376.6	379.0	379.3	6.4	6.2	6.6	5.5	6.3	6.0
Other medical care services	524.8	526.9	530.4	534.8	7.7	8.0	7.0	7.8	7.8	7.4
Entertainment	262.6	263.8	263.5	266.2	1.6	4.4	2.6	5.6	3.0	4.1
Entertainment commodities	256.5	257.0	256.6	258.6	.8	3.4	3.2	3.3	2.1	3.2
Entertainment services 1/	274.6	276.3	276.8	280.0	2.7	6.1	2.1	8.1	4.4	5.0
Other goods and services	328.1	329.2	331.2	334.4	5.2	6.4	5.0	7.9	5.8	6.5
Tobacco products 1/	334.0	334.3	337.1	342.4	3.5	7.8	5.3	10.4	5.6	7.9
Personal care 1/	282.7	283.1	284.0	285.9	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.6	3.7	4.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	282.0	281.9	283.3	285.9	4.3	2.5	4.1	5.6	3.4	4.9
Personal care services 1/	283.7	284.8	285.2	286.4	3.4	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.0
Personal and educational expenses	407.3	410.4	413.1	415.9	8.7	8.8	6.0	8.7	8.8	7.4
School books and supplies	364.8	367.4	369.9	371.5	9.2	8.7	9.3	7.6	9.0	8.4
Personal and educational services	417.9	421.2	423.9	426.7	8.6	8.9	5.4	8.7	8.7	7.1
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	4.5	2.4	2.5	5.3	3.5	3.9
Commodities	287.1	288.6	289.8	290.6	4.2	-.3	1.7	5.0	1.9	3.3
Food and beverages	303.4	305.2	307.0	307.6	1.5	1.3	2.8	5.7	1.4	4.2
Commodities less food and beverages	275.2	276.5	277.4	278.2	5.7	-1.3	1.2	4.4	2.1	2.8
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	287.0	288.5	288.7	288.9	11.2	2.6	2.8	-.1	6.8	1.3
Apparel commodities	192.5	193.2	193.1	192.5	5.9	.8	2.7	.0	3.3	1.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	336.5	338.8	340.1	339.6	10.1	5.5	-1.3	3.7	7.8	1.2
Durables	262.6	265.0	265.7	266.4	3.0	-6.3	.5	4.3	-1.7	2.4
Services	382.2	384.3	385.8	387.5	5.0	5.9	3.6	5.7	5.4	4.6
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	105.1	105.8	106.1	106.4	5.3	7.7	6.3	5.0	6.5	5.7
Household services less rent of shelter 1/ 2/	103.3	102.1	102.0	102.6	3.2	13.7	-4.5	-2.7	8.3	-3.6
Transportation services	335.3	339.3	340.4	343.3	2.5	3.2	3.7	9.9	2.8	6.7
Medical care services	440.9	443.1	446.0	448.1	7.1	7.1	6.8	6.7	7.1	6.8
Other services	314.6	316.4	317.4	320.0	5.1	6.3	3.9	7.0	5.7	5.5
Special indexes:										
All items less food	321.7	323.3	324.5	325.9	5.3	2.7	2.8	5.3	4.0	4.0
All items less shelter	304.9	306.5	307.7	308.7	4.1	1.2	2.1	5.1	2.6	3.6
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	102.5	103.0	103.4	103.8	4.5	1.6	2.4	5.2	3.0	3.8
All items less medical care	316.1	317.8	319.0	320.3	4.5	2.1	2.4	5.4	3.3	3.9
Commodities less food	273.5	274.8	275.6	276.3	5.4	-1.2	1.6	4.2	2.1	2.9
Nondurables less food 1/	282.4	283.8	283.9	282.3	10.7	2.6	3.5	-.1	6.6	1.6
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	323.1	325.0	326.3	325.9	9.7	5.2	-.1	3.5	7.4	1.7
Nondurables	295.8	297.7	299.3	299.6	3.9	2.2	2.2	5.2	3.1	3.7
Services less rent of shelter 1/ 2/	103.9	103.9	104.2	104.9	3.6	7.7	2.3	3.9	5.6	3.1
Services less medical care 1/	374.5	375.5	376.2	378.2	4.2	7.9	3.7	4.0	6.0	3.9
Energy	425.6	428.5	430.6	431.0	7.5	2.0	-3.8	5.2	4.7	.6
All items less energy	312.6	314.3	315.5	316.7	4.1	2.4	3.5	5.4	3.2	4.4
All items less food and energy	311.9	313.4	314.4	315.9	4.8	2.9	3.9	5.2	3.9	4.6
Commodities less food and energy	257.8	258.5	259.0	260.1	4.0	-2.2	2.8	3.6	.9	3.2
Energy commodities	411.8	416.8	419.7	419.2	11.4	2.8	-3.0	7.4	7.1	3.0
Services less energy	377.1	379.5	381.1	383.0	5.4	6.5	4.7	6.4	5.9	5.5

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
NOTE Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

TABLE 6. Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers: Selected areas, all items index, 1967=100 unless otherwise noted

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Area 1/	Pricing schedule 2/	Other index base	Indexes Oct. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1986	Percent change to Jan. 1986 from- Jan. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1985	Percent change to Dec. 1985 from- Dec. 1984	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1985
U.S. city average			321.3	322.6	323.4	324.3	3.7	0.5	0.3	3.6	0.7	0.7
Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind.	M		308.9	310.9	312.6	312.9	3.4	.6	.1	3.6	1.2	.6
Detroit, Mich.	M		309.7	313.2	313.1	313.4	4.1	.1	.1	4.4	1.1	.0
L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif.	M		320.0	319.1	320.1	320.9	4.2	.6	.2	4.4	.0	.3
N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J.	M		309.9	312.6	313.5	315.8	4.6	1.1	.7	3.9	1.2	.3
Philadelphia, Pa.-N.J.	M		320.3	321.5	322.5	323.0	4.4	.5	.2	4.7	.7	.3
Anchorage, Alaska	1	10/67	-	280.1	-	280.2	3.1	.0	-	-	-	-
Baltimore, Md.	1		-	326.3	-	331.1	5.1	1.5	-	-	-	-
Boston, Mass.	1		-	323.0	-	324.5	5.4	.5	-	-	-	-
Cincinnati, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.	1		-	326.2	-	326.0	2.2	-.1	-	-	-	-
Denver-Boulder, Colo.	1		-	354.1	-	359.1	3.7	1.4	-	-	-	-
Miami, Fla.	1	11/77	-	174.9	-	176.7	3.5	.5	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee, Wis.	1		-	353.2	-	353.0	2.8	-.1	-	-	-	-
Northeast Pennsylvania	1		-	309.6	-	310.8	3.2	.3	-	-	-	-
Portland, Oreg.-Wash.	1		-	307.3	-	311.0	4.6	1.2	-	-	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.	1		-	318.5	-	319.1	2.8	.2	-	-	-	-
San Diego, Calif.	1		-	341.9	-	344.7	4.7	.8	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Everett, Wash.	1		-	310.6	-	313.5	2.2	.9	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va.	1		-	330.5	-	332.6	4.7	.6	-	-	-	-
Atlanta, Ga.	2		330.0	-	332.6	-	-	-	-	5.3	.8	-
Buffalo, N.Y.	2		295.3	-	295.9	-	-	-	-	2.1	.2	-
Cleveland, Ohio	2		327.0	-	327.5	-	-	-	-	2.8	.2	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex.	2		337.5	-	338.3	-	-	-	-	4.1	.2	-
Honolulu, Hawaii	2		302.7	-	305.6	-	-	-	-	2.8	1.0	-
Houston, Tex.	2		335.0	-	334.1	-	-	-	-	1.0	-.3	-
Kansas City, Mo.-Kans.	2		312.9	-	311.7	-	-	-	-	2.5	-.4	-
Minneapolis-St.Paul, Minn.-Wis.	2		336.0	-	336.0	-	-	-	-	3.8	.0	-
Pittsburgh, Pa.	2		309.9	-	312.8	-	-	-	-	2.7	.9	-
San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.	2		331.0	-	331.3	-	-	-	-	3.0	.1	-
Region 3/												
Northeast	2	12/77	170.9	-	172.1	-	-	-	-	4.2	1.1	-
North Central	2	12/77	171.4	-	172.6	-	-	-	-	3.1	.7	-
South	2	12/77	175.3	-	176.0	-	-	-	-	3.1	.4	-
West	2	12/77	174.8	-	175.2	-	-	-	-	3.9	.2	-
Population size class 3/												
A-1	2	12/77	168.7	-	170.2	-	-	-	-	4.2	.9	-
A-2	2	12/77	174.6	-	175.4	-	-	-	-	3.2	.5	-
B	2	12/77	173.6	-	174.6	-	-	-	-	3.6	.6	-
C	2	12/77	174.1	-	175.3	-	-	-	-	3.5	.7	-
D	2	12/77	174.9	-	176.0	-	-	-	-	3.9	.6	-
Region/population size class cross classification 3/												
Northeast/A	2	12/77	166.1	-	167.7	-	-	-	-	4.0	1.0	-
North Central/A	2	12/77	173.1	-	174.8	-	-	-	-	3.8	.8	-
South/A	2	12/77	175.7	-	176.6	-	-	-	-	3.8	.8	-
West/A	2	12/77	174.6	-	175.0	-	-	-	-	3.9	.1	-
Northeast/B	2	12/77	171.8	-	173.5	-	-	-	-	3.8	1.0	-
North Central/B	2	12/77	169.5	-	170.5	-	-	-	-	2.8	.6	-
South/B	2	12/77	173.9	-	174.7	-	-	-	-	3.4	.5	-
West/B	2	12/77	178.4	-	178.9	-	-	-	-	4.2	.3	-
Northeast/C	2	12/77	188.8	-	188.8	-	-	-	-	3.4	1.1	-
North Central/C	2	12/77	166.9	-	168.2	-	-	-	-	2.9	.8	-
South/C	2	12/77	175.7	-	176.7	-	-	-	-	3.8	.6	-
West/C	2	12/77	168.3	-	167.8	-	-	-	-	3.8	-.3	-
Northeast/D	2	12/77	176.3	-	177.7	-	-	-	-	4.6	1.4	-
North Central/D	2	12/77	173.1	-	174.2	-	-	-	-	3.8	.8	-
South/D	2	12/77	176.2	-	176.1	-	-	-	-	3.8	-.1	-
West/D	2	12/77	176.0	-	177.7	-	-	-	-	3.8	1.0	-

1/ Area is generally the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA), exclusive of farms. L.A.-Long Beach, Anaheim, Calif. is a combination of two SMSA's, and N.Y., N.Y.-Northeastern N.J. and Chicago, Ill.-Northwestern Ind. are the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas. Area definitions are those established by the Office of Management and Budget in 1973, except for Denver-Boulder, Colo. which does not include Douglas County. Definitions do not include revisions made since 1973.

2/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:
M - Every month.
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

3/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
The population size classes are aggregations of areas which have urban population as defined below:

A-1	More than 4,000,000.
A-2	1,250,000 to 4,000,000.
B	385,000 to 1,250,000.
C	75,000 to 385,000.
D	Less than 75,000.

Population size class A is the aggregation of population size classes A-1 and A-2.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are by-products of the national CPI program. Because each local index is a small subset of the national index, it has a smaller sample size and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in escalator clauses.

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